



Christian Lamar is a Capital Trial Attorney and the Capital Conflicts Director for the Georgia Capital Defender (GCD) and the Supervising Attorney of the Metro Capital Defender (MCD) based in Atlanta, GA. MCD is a satellite office of the Georgia Capital Defender (GCD) that handles death penalty conflict cases and solo capital cases throughout the Atlanta metro area and the state of Georgia. Before coming to GCD in 2005 Christian was a staff attorney at the Federal Defender Office in Greenbelt, MD from 2003 to 2004. From 1994 to 2003 Christian worked at the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia (PDS) as a staff attorney, felony supervisor, and as the first supervising attorney and Co-Chief of PDS' inaugural Community Defender Office. Christian graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1993. He received his undergraduate degree with honors from LeMoyné-Owen College, a historically Black college located in Memphis, TN in 1990. While in college Christian was selected as a Truman Scholar in 1988. Christian served in the United States Army from 1979 to 1986 as an infantryman in airborne, mechanized, and light infantry units and achieved the rank of Sergeant E-5 during his honorable service.

In 2016 Christian and his team at MCD were able to secure a Life Without Parole (LWOP) sentencing verdict in a death penalty trial in Atlanta, GA. Christian's client, Mr. Charmon Sinkfield, was on trial for the murder of world championship boxer Mr. Vernon Forrest. The jury deliberated less than 30 minutes before returning a Life Without Parole verdict.

In September of 2020 the Southern Center for Human Rights honored GCD with its prestigious Vanguard Award for GCD's great work defending indigent capital clients in GA. GCD reduced the death sentence rate in GA from approximately 10 death sentences a year before 2005 to 9 death sentences handed down in GA in the last 17 years. There has not been a death sentence imposed on a client represented by GCD since 2014.